

**STAFFORD TOWNSHIP/
LONG BEACH ISLAND AREA
POLICE DEPARTMENTS
36th ANNUAL GRAVESIDE
MEMORIAL SERVICE**



2014



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



CHIEF LARRY D. PARKER

**Founder of The Stafford Township & Long Beach Area
Police Departments Annual Graveside Memorial Service
In Grateful Appreciation
For
Your Many Years Of
Dedication and Devotion
To The Remembrance of Those Who Served In
Law Enforcement**

The 36th Graveside Memorial Service

DECEMBER 4 , 2014

Stafford and Long Beach Island Police Officers Graveside Memorial Services

HONOR ROLL

Greenwood Cemetery Tuckerton

Sgt. Ben G. Yurkewicz (LBPD)
Ptl. Larry A. Dunfee (STPD)
Pol. Explorer Janet L. Sheldon (STPD)
Ptl. Albert "Don" Fillman (LBPD)
Ptl. Charles Senior (BHPD-SCPD)

Greenwood Cemetery Cedar Run

SPO Clark E. Reeder (STPD)
Chief Arthur E. Schrayshuen (LBPD)
Chief Peter B. Bohan (LBPD)
SPO John R. Houlroyd (STPD)
Lt. Thomas A. Melega (LBPD)
Mayor/Police Comm. James J. Mancini (LBPD)
Sgt. Samuel C. Crossley (LBPD)
Captain Walter B. Brummer (STPD)
Ptl. George C. Schnell, Sr. (LBPD)
Ptl. George C. Schnell, Jr. (LBPD)

Manahawkin Baptist Cemetery

Chief Williard C. Inman (STPD)

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery

Ptl. Henry (Rick) Drappi (STPD)
SPO Daniel Tortoriello (STPD)
Sgt. Norman T. Steadman (STPD)
Ptl. Hugh W. Sprague (BHPD)
Ptl. Clifton D. Sahlberg (HCPD-SBPD-TPD)
Ptl. Jamison (Jay) M. Clark (HCPD)
Chief Elmer W. Hulsenbeck (SBPD)
Chief Police Dispatcher Gina M. Signorelli

Barnegat Memorial Cemetery (St. Mary's – Burr St.)

Chief Benjamin F. Jones (SCPD)
Police Dispatcher Butchy F. Sprague (SCPD)
Chief Arno O. Kohler (BHPD)

Reeves Town Cemetery (Warren Grove)

Captain Floyd Cranmer

36th Annual Graveside Ceremony 2014

Stafford and Long Beach Island Police Officers Graveside Memorial Services

INTERRED ELSEWHERE

(Stafford Township Police Department)

Chief Lawrence Hannold
Deputy Chief Robert Murphy
Detective Sergeant James Given
Sergeant Thomas Vogel
Sergeant John Linck
Detective Jack Shapley
Special Police Officer Fred Weller
Special Police Officer Robert Way
Special Police Officer Michael Steinhauer
Police Clerk Helen Lewandowski
Police Clerk Evelyn Love
Dispatcher Nancy King
Dispatcher Max Kurz
Chief Police Mechanic Charles Kennedy

(Long Beach Police Department)

Chief Angelo Leonetti
Captain James W. Jeffrey
Captain Charles Spigelmyer
Sergeant Walter Philbrick
Patrolman Edwin Raylman
Patrolman Leslie R. (Bud) Parker
Patrolman Robert Albert
Patrolman Ralph Parker
Patrolman James "Stephen" Godfrey
Patrolman Thomas P. Nealon

(Ship Bottom Police Department)

Chief Charles Ackers
Sergeant Howard "Smokey" Wilson
Sergeant John Pippi
Sergeant Charles Bakeley
Patrolman Ted Condit

(Surf City Police Department)

Chief William D'Autrechey
Chief Russell Otterino
Lieutenant Robert Steiger
Lieutenant Joseph Stasik
Sergeant Frank Keicher

(Harvey Cedars Police Department)

Chief Harry Haines
Chief Wesley Andrews
Chief Robert Van Meter
Chief Thomas Bodzioch
Patrolman Angelo Vasile

(Beach Haven Police Department)

Chief Roy Gladden
Deputy Chief Ernest Senior
Captain John Horvath
Sergeant John Gaddon
Sergeant Wally Allen
Sergeant John (Chick) Lampson
Sergeant John Cathcart
Sergeant Whitney C. Marshall
Patrolman William H. Coates, Sr

(Barnegat Light Police Department)

Chief Ashton (Asher) Flemming

36th Annual Graveside Ceremony 2014



STAFFORD/LONG BEACH ISLAND AREA POLICE DEPARTMENTS GRAVESIDE CEREMONY 2014

- ⇒ Welcome**
- ⇒ Invocation**
- ⇒ Keynote Speaker**
- ⇒ Blessing of the Wreaths**
- ⇒ Honor Guard and Taps**
- ⇒ Placement of wreaths at each cemetery on
Each fallen officer's gravesite**
- ⇒ Luncheon**
- ⇒ Benediction**

*Founder of the Annual Graveside Memorial Service – Larry D. Parker
Retired Chief of Police
Stafford Township Police Department*

*Ceremonies – Coordinator Captain Thomas J. Dellane
Stafford Township Police Department*

*Layout Manager/Researcher – Mary Ann K. Grady
Stafford Township Police Department*

*Project Photographer – Officer Christopher Mulch
Stafford Township Police Department*

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE CHAPLAIN-CAPTAIN JAMES DAVIS



On June 20, 2001 Reverend James Davis was appointed to the position of Police Chaplain. Since his appointment he has been used on numerous occasions as counselor for crisis situations that have involved Stafford Police Officers including; deaths of fellow officers, family members and children. Reverend Davis counseled many police officers and other first responders at the World Trade Center disaster in 2001. The Chaplain has also taught at the weekly Stafford Police Bible Study where numerous members of the department have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many Stafford Police Officers are mentally and spiritually healthy today because of the commitment and concern of this dedicated man. Since calendar year 2002 Chaplain Davis has officiated over the Annual Stafford/Long Beach Island Memorial Services. His prayers at the Ceremonies and Gravesites are personal and heartfelt. His commitment and dedication to the ministry and the Law Enforcement Community is truly immeasurable.

It should be further noted that Reverend Davis also serves as a Police Chaplain for the Manchester Township Police Department.

HARVEY CEDARS POLICE DEPARTMENT



POLICE CHAPLAIN: CAPTAIN GEORGE H. GUYER III

In July 2011, Pastor George Guyer was appointed to the position of Police Chaplain for the Harvey Cedars Police Department. Chaplain Guyer served in the United States Navy, at Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia, for 4 years active duty, and 2 years in the Naval Reserves. He acquired the rank of Aviation Electricians Mate Second Class Petty Officer (E-5). He was honorably discharged in July 1982.

Pastor Guyer is a graduate from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and has a Master of Arts in Religion. He also graduated from Lancaster Bible College with Bachelor of Science in Bible, minor in Pastoral Studies. He has training as an EMT and in Critical Incident Stress Management. He is a member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains, and holds their Basic & Senior Credential in Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. He is a (Major), Deputy Wing Chaplain, NJ Wing / Civil Air Patrol / U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, McGuire AFB and Police Chaplain for the Lakehurst Police Department.

In his capacity of Harvey Cedars Chaplain, Captain Guyer has ministered at the Stafford/Long Beach Police Annual Memorial Services since 2011. His prayers at Officers gravesites and his genuine concern for police officers and their families is truly commendable and appreciated by the Police Community

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE PRAYER

***O ETERNAL GOD, THE SOURCE OF
LIFE AND LIGHT OF ALL
PEOPLES, WE PRAY THAT YOU
WOULD ENDOW THIS POLICE
AGENCY WITH YOUR
GRACE AND WISDOM.***

***GIVE INSPIRATION AND UNDERSTANDING
TO THOSE WHO SERVE THIS
COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION.
GRANT VISION TO ITS CHIEF,
COMMAND STAFF AND
TO ALL WHO WEAR THE
INSIGNIA OF STAFFORD POLICE,
GIVE YOUR GUIDING SPIRIT
OF SACRIFICIAL COURAGE AND
LOVING SERVICE.***

AMEN

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



CAPTAIN FLOYD W. CRANMER
JULY 25, 1932 – NOVEMBER 26, 2014
U.S ARMY – CORPRAL
1953-1956

Floyd was a young patriot, joining the Army at the age of 21, attaining the rank of Corpral. Immediately after being honorably discharged from the Army in 1956, he joined the Stafford Police Department. When the Police Department became a full time Agency in 1963, he was one of two full-time Officers appointed to the P.D., Frank Carletto as Chief of Police and Floyd as Sergeant of Police. Floyd advanced through the ranks to Captain and upon Chief Carletto's retirement in 1973, served for two years as Acting Chief of Police. During his 35 years of service he performed all the duties of a Policeman from patrol to investigating homicides. Captain Cranmer served his God, Country, Community, and Police Department faithfully, with Honor and Distinction

Wife - Marge, son-Floyd, and daughters- Brenda, Diane

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



DETECTIVE SERGEANT JAMES M. GIVEN
JULY 24, 1939 – JUNE 27, 2014
EN 3 (SS) UNITED STATES NAVY

Jim enlisted in the Navy on December 16, 1958 at the age of seventeen. He served 3 ½ years in the Submarine Service and then in the Naval Reserve until July 21, 1960. Jim began his Police career when he became a member of the Ship Bottom Police Department in the early sixties. On June 2, 1968 he left Ship Bottom and joined the Stafford Township Police Department. In 1974 Patrolman Given was assigned to the newly formed Detective Bureau and had the distinct honor of being Stafford's first officially appointed Detective. Two (2) years later Detective Given was promoted to Sergeant and headed the Detective Bureau until his retirement in 2002. During that time he was instrumental in solving many criminal cases and making many criminal arrests. Sergeant Given was also known for being very religious (Sunday School Teacher) and a very charitable man. He served his community and the Police Department faithfully for over 33 years.

Wife-Penny, sons-Jimmy, Kelly, daughters- Elaina, Jaimee

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



SERGEANT JOHN L. LINCK, JR. AUGUST 26, 1960 – AUGUST 17, 2014

John Linck, Badge #62, joined the Stafford Township Police Department January 1, 1995. January 2, 2001, he became a member of the K-9 Unit with his Belgian Malinois, Marco. On February 15, 2005 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. John was extremely motivated and dedicated to the job. He was the recipient of the Department's "Tangibility Award" six years in a row, 1995 through 2001 for being the most productive Officer in the P.D. John was also the recipient of 42 commendations, plus, the prestigious "200 Club Award" for "Valor" for single handedly apprehending a homicidal/suicidal man brandishing a 15" butcher knife.

- Sergeant John L. Linck, Jr = Strength, Honor, Loyalty –

Daughters- Jessica, Jennifer, Paige

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



POLICE DISPATCHER NANCY J. KING JANUARY 23, 1943 – JUNE 18, 2014

Nancy joined the Stafford Township Police Department January 28, 1975 as one (1) of five (5) female Dispatchers hired to begin a 24 hour Police Dispatch/Communication Center. Most, if not all Police Dispatch Centers in Ocean County at that time were staffed by all male personnel, establishing Nancy as a female pioneer in the field. During her 30 plus years of service to the Community, Dispatcher King proved to be invaluable. She handled routine and emergent phone and radio calls with great skill and a high level of professionalism resulting in positive resolutions. Police Dispatcher King served her Community faithfully and with distinction, and during her tenure received many commendations

Son-Wayne, daughters Nancy, Natalie, and Stacy

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



First row second from left

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER – CONSTABLE
DANIEL D. TORTORIELLO, SR.
MARCH 21, 1916 – JULY 1, 2001
U.S. NAVY – WORLD WAR II**

Dan served in the U.S. Navy and was Honorably Discharged on May 3, 1945. He began his Police Service in 1958, while Stafford Police operated as a part-time Department. He served as a Constable or Special Police Officer well into the 1960s and also served in the Stafford Volunteer Fire Company for 50 years, as a Fireman/Fireman Policeman. Special Police Officer Tortoriello in the early years was also the in-house Police Radio Tec, providing and repairing radios for police cars in Stafford and Long Beach Island. Dan was most assuredly community oriented and a very dedicated Public Servant.

Wife – Laura, son- Daniel, daughters- Arlene, Louise, Rose

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF WILLIARD INMAN
(THIRD IN FROM THE RIGHT)
1905-1981

Williard Inman was appointed Chief of Police in calendar year 1955. Stafford was a part time agency at that time and appointments were of one (1) year duration. Chief Inman was amongst the first few men to serve in that position. He was dedicated and committed to duty.



Ptl. Douglas Lynch

Patrolman Douglas Lynch was appointed to the police department in 1983 and served as Criminalistics Officer until he retired from police service in 2008. Patrolman Lynch's legacy to the Stafford Township Police Department can be traced back to 1955, when his grandfather Willard C. Inman served as Chief of Police. Also, Chief of Police Richard Buzby is a veteran member of the Little Egg Harbor Police Department and he too followed in the footsteps of his grandfather Chief Inman.

To: S.W.D.

4/10

Mr Willard "Bill" Inman's
daughter, I am writing and
sending this overdue thank
you card for the beautiful grave
blankets that Stafford Township
Police Department has been
placing on his grave in the old
Baptist Cemetery each Christmas
for several years. Everytime I
walk into the cemetery and see
the beautiful red bow flowing in
the breeze I smile and know that
he is alive, as it shows that he
has been accepted as part of your
department. I still remember him
in his uniform getting ready to
go out. I was a very young girl
then, but seeing my dad in his
police uniform is one of my proudest
memories of the past. Police Men in
was just a small great town. JH

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



“Wally”
Captain Brummer

CAPTAIN WALTER BRUMMER **MARCH 7, 1940 – OCTOBER 20, 1991**

Walt served honorably, faithfully and with distinction during his tenure. Notably, he was the fourth (4th) full time officer hired in the Department and was meritoriously promoted through the ranks to the position of Captain. He was truly a friend and leader who will always live on in the hearts of his men. “Walter Brummer Boulevard” was named after Captain Brummer as he was held in such high regard by the community and all who knew him. In 1993 Patrolman Ronald (Ron) Brummer joined the Stafford Township Police Department following in the footsteps of Captain Brummer, his uncle.



Ronald Brummer
Patrolman

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

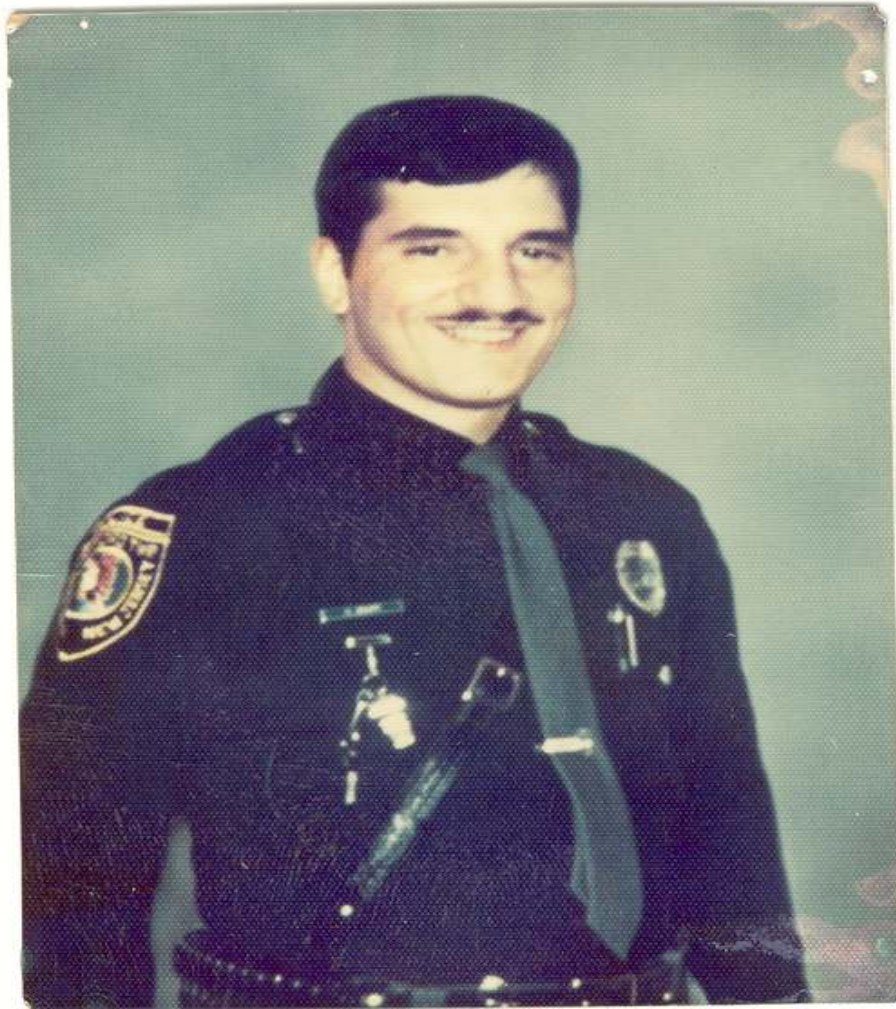


SERGEANT NORMAN STEADMAN
APRIL 1, 1937 – DECEMBER 5, 2009
U.S. ARMY – STAFF SERGEANT
1955-1960

Norman was inducted into the military service in 1955. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant prior to being honorably discharged in 1960. Norman married Rosemarie Tortoriello and had three sons, Thomas, Darin, and Raymond.

Norman enlisted in the Stafford Police Department, March 9, 1970. In June of 1972 he was promoted to Sergeant. He was assigned to supervise the Detective Bureau in January 1995 until May 1996 when he was assigned to the Patrol Division as Platoon Sergeant. Sergeant Steadman retired from the Police Service on July 31, 1998 after twenty-eight (28) plus years of dedicated service.

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



PATROLMAN HENRY (RICK) R. DRAPPI
BADGE #8
1957-1978

Served honorably, faithfully and with distinction with the Stafford Township Police Department. Patrolman Drappi lost his life in a freak motor vehicle incident at the young age of twenty-one (21.) Since his untimely death there has been displayed in the police department a memorial plaque and an annual award program established, appropriately called the "Patrolman Henry (Rick) Drappi Award" which each member of the police department attempts to attain meritoriously.

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



PATROLMAN LARRY DUNFEE, JR.

Badge # 10

1957 - 1983

Served honorably, faithfully and with distinction with the Stafford Township Police Department.

Patrolman Dunfee was enroute to police headquarters to report for duty when he lost his life in a motor vehicle accident at the young age of twenty-eight (28.)

Patrolman Dunfee's son Russell was appointed to the Stafford Township Police Department on December 8, 2004, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather, retired Sergeant Earl "Bud" Conklin and his uncle, Sergeant David Johnson, continuing their police legacy.



Ptl. Russell Dunfee

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF POLICE DISPATCHER GINA SIGNORELLI

January 14, 1934 – December 21, 2007

Employed in the year 1975 as Chief Police Dispatcher. She served in that position for 25 years until her retirement in the year 2000. For 29 years to include six (6) years after her retirement from police service, Chief Dispatcher Signorelli organized and detailed the Stafford/Long Beach Island Police Department's Memorial Service.

She was truly a committed, loyal and caring employee and friend.

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER JOHN HOULROYD DECEMBER 28, 1917 – JUNE 12, 1981 TEC 5 – US ARMY WORLD WAR II

John Houlroyd was inducted into the Army in May 1942. He rose to the rank of Tec 5, serving in Troop A, 91st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, seeing battles and campaigns in both Italy and North Africa. He was the recipient of three (3) bronze stars for exemplary conduct in ground combat. At the end of World War II John married Mary Agnes McCann and they were the parents of five daughters, Donna, Barbara, Maryann, Arlene and Sharon. John's police career began in Trenton, New Jersey where he served as a Special Law Enforcement Officer for twenty (20) plus years and subsequently served as a Stafford Police Dispatcher in 1974 and then a Special Law Enforcement Officer for numerous years with honor and distinction.

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



**SPECIAL OFFICER
CLARK EUGENE REEDER
January 2, 1921 – April 15, 1986
CM2 US Navy – WWII**

Loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. Dedicated his life to country and community serving as a Special Police Officer honorably and faithfully in the Stafford Police Department for numerous years and was a life member of Stafford Volunteer Fire Company #1. (Loyal To Duty)

Chief Joseph Giberson of Stafford Township Police Department is the son-in-law of Special Law Enforcement Officer Reeder.



STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



POLICE EXPLORER JANET SHELDON

Badge #1

August 29, 1968 – September 15, 1985

Retired Crime Prevention Officer John Reilley initiated the Stafford Police Explorer Program in 1983. Janet Sheldon was this agency's first Police Explorer. Police Explorers consisted of youths from within the community who were interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. The program taught the youths the importance of military bearing, chain of command, and service to the community. Janet became ill and passed away as a result of leukemia in 1985 at the tender age of 17. All through her illness Janet continued to have a smile on her face and a happy-go-lucky personality. She is missed by all who knew her.

Chief Larry D Parker
Stafford Township Police Department
260 E. Bay Ave.
Manahawkin, N.J. 08050

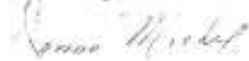
December 5, 2003

Dear Chief Parker,

This letter is a very long time in coming, but I want you and your department to know that every year when I go to place a Christmas Wreath on my daughters (Police Cadet Janet Lee Sheldon) gravesite, I see that the Stafford Township Police Department has already been there and placed a wreath on her grave from the department. This year, 2003, will be the eighteenth year that I have seen that wreath. You have no idea how much it means to me that she is still remembered by you and the police department that she truly loved.

As new young officers come in to the department, I am sure that they do not know who Janet was, and I do not know how long the tradition will continue, but I want to say thank you to you and whomever participates in this tradition.

Sincerely,



Donna Michel

HARVEY CEDARS POLICE DEPARTMENT



PATROLMAN JAMISON (JAY) CLARK
FEBRUARY 28, 1974 – JULY 30, 2000
U.S. MARINE CORPS

Jamison (Jay) Clark was a lifelong resident of Stafford Township. Jay always had a strong family bond with his father Mike, mother Linda and older brother Mike. He attended Southern Regional High School where he played baseball. He was an outgoing, funny and charismatic young man who showed maturity well above his years. Following high school Jay entered the United States Marine Corp. After his separation from the Marines Jay made the decision to enter Law Enforcement, he attended the Ocean County Police Academy sponsored by Seaside Heights Police Department. Jay found love and shortly thereafter became engaged. Jay joined the Harvey Cedars Police Department in May of 2000. Jay was always putting the needs of others ahead of himself; this was demonstrated on June 10, 2000 when he rescued three individuals who were caught in a strong rip tide. Jay entered the water without hesitation and utilized water rescue techniques learned in the Marines to make the rescue.



HARVEY CEDARS, SHIP BOTTOM, TUCKERTON POLICE DEPARTMENTS



PATROLMAN CLIFTON D. SAHLBERG SEPTEMBER 29, 1980 – JANUARY 19, 2004 BADGE #15

Patrolman Clif Sahlberg was born and raised in Barnegat. A graduate of Southern Regional High School in 1999, Clif continued his education at Ocean County College in Criminal Justice. Wanting to be a police officer Clif joined the Harvey Cedars Police Department and graduated from the Ocean County Police Academy in May of 2000. He subsequently served as a Class II, SPO for Ship Bottom Police Department in the summer of 2000, then landed a full time position with Tuckerton Police Department. Clif proudly followed in the footsteps of his father, Sergeant Charles Sahlberg of the Harvey Cedars Police Department

In May of 2003 while on patrol, Patrolman Clif Sahlberg was attacked by four unknown males where he received several blows to the head and left with several cuts. Due to this incident Clif suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and unfortunately passed a few months after his assault.

Patrolman Clifton D Sahlberg lives on, not only in the hearts of his family, friends and colleges but also in three very fortunate people that his organs were donated to through "The Gift of Life."



Sergeant Charles Sahlberg

HARVEY CEDARS POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF THOMAS BODZIOCH **1933 -2014**

Chief Bodzioch became a Patrolman in Harvey Cedars in May of 1969. He attended the 14th Police Recruit Class at the Ocean County Police Academy in Lakewood, NJ . In July of 1972 he was promoted to Sergeant. In 1985 he was promoted to Chief of Police and retired in May of 1994. He served the residents of Harvey Cedars for 25 years. During that time he not only attended prescribed police training, but also became trained as the first Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough. Also, during his tenure as a Borough Police Officer he received numerous letters of appreciation from the public. He was always willing to help those in distress and was praised for doing so on many occasions.

Wife-Helen, daughter-Lisa

SURF CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF BENJAMIN F. JONES
NOVEMBER 30, 1904 – JUNE 14, 1964

Served honorably and with distinction for the Police Department and the community for twenty-six (26) years. He started his career in 1938 serving faithfully to 1964. He was a committed, dedicated public servant.



Chief Jones pictured top right.

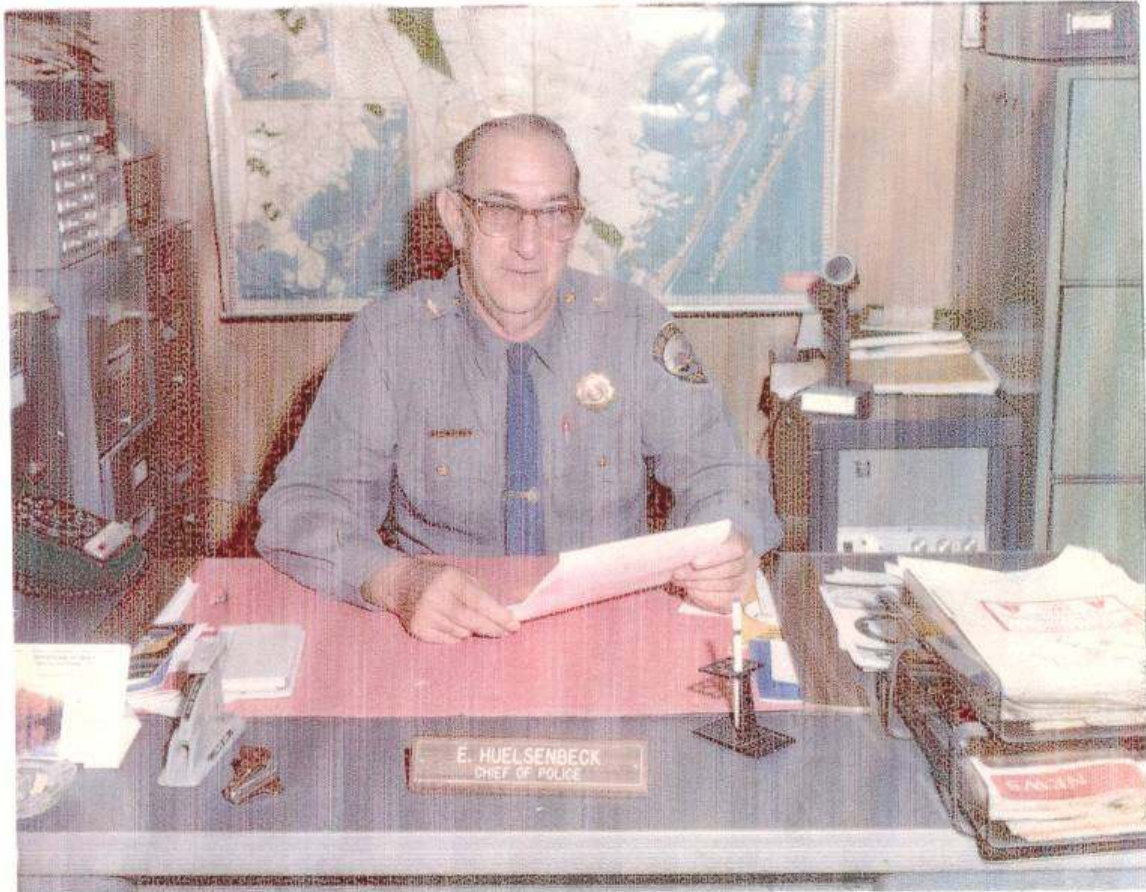
SURF CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



POLICE DISPATCHER BUTCHY F. SPRAGUE MARCH 3, 1950 – FEBRUARY 19, 2007

Dispatcher Sprague served the residents, visitors and police department of Surf City for over twenty-five (25) years, until his retirement, February 13, 2001. He was the grandson of Chief Frank Jones who retired from the Surf City Police Department in 1964. He took pride in his job, performed his duties diligently and professionally with the utmost compassion, always trying to accommodate those he served. Those who knew him considered him big hearted and a happy-go-lucky person with lots of stories to tell. His dedication to community service was truly admirable.

SHIP BOTTOM POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF ELMER HUELSENBECK 1920 - 1999

Chief of Police for nineteen (19) years from 1964 to 1983 when he retired. He was a Ship Bottom Officer for twenty-six (26) years 1957 – 1983. In 1974 he and his department were commended by the NJSP for the seizure of 32 pounds of pure cocaine which represented, at that time, the largest quantity of cocaine ever confiscated in the state of New Jersey.

Chief Huelsenbeck was quoted “he gained satisfaction by helping to reunite missing children with their parents and in approximately 1963 with the rescuing of a Canadian seamen on a stormy night”.

During the March 1962 Historic Northeaster Storm he was on duty to assist with the evacuation of Long Beach Island and subsequently the return of the evacuees and aided in their re-establishment.

Chief Huelsenbeck’s son, William, is currently the Mayor of Ship Bottom following in the footsteps of his father serving as a public official.

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Basketball Game Nets \$500 for Cancer Fund



Front row third from left

PATROLMAN
ALBERT “DON” FILLMAN
APRIL 9, 1938-AUGUST 18, 2014

Don joined the Long Beach Township Police Department on May 18, 1960. During his tenure he served with Honor and Distinction under the Command of Chief Angelo J. Leonetti, Chief Peter B. Bohan, and Chief Larry D. Parker. Notably, he was an “Honorary Life Member” of the Beach Haven First Aid Squad and while a member of the Police Department actively participated in many police sponsored charitable events for the benefit of the Community.

Patrolman Fillman participated in the rescue of Long Beach Island residents during the “Historic 1962 Storm”. He was a dedicated public servant.

Wife- Jean, son Donald, daughters Linda, Melisa, Dyana

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



PATROLMAN THOMAS J. NEALON

1948 – 2014

United States Coast Guard

1966 - 1970

Patrolman Thomas J. Nealon faithfully served the residents of Long Beach Township and Barnegat Light for twenty-five years. He was known as a caring and genuine community oriented officer. He was a leader within the department serving as a firearms instructor and senior patrolman. He was routinely recognized for his efforts in the protection of life and property. Patrolman Nealon honorably served his Country as a member of the United States Coast Guard. He received the Vietnam Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Medal. Tom lived a worthy life of service to others

Wife- Doris, Stepsons Michael, John and Kenny Strain

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



CAPTAIN CHARLES Z. SPIGELMYER JULY 26, 1934 – APRIL 11, 2014 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Chuck was a Veteran of the United States Air Force having served as an Air Policeman during the Korean War. He joined the Long Beach Police Department in calendar year 1975 and was promoted through the ranks to the position of Captain. He was one of the original members of the Police Department's first Dive Team and served as its Team Leader. The Dive Unit made numerous rescues and recoveries of bodies, vehicles, and evidence throughout Ocean County.

Captain Spigelmyer during his career served in both the Patrol Division and the Detective Bureau.

Notably, he retired with 30 years of Honorable and Dedicated Police Service.

Wife-Mary, son-Steven, daughter-Christina, Catherine

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



**PATROLMAN
GEORGE C. SCHNELL, SR.
SEPTEMBER 15, 1912 – JULY 7, 1983
U.S. ARMY – TECH 4
WORLD WAR II**

Patrolman Schnell joined the Long Beach Township Police Department September 28th, 1936. He was appointed by Mayor Howard E. Shifler, the 3rd full-time officer hired and served under the command of Chief of Police Arthur Schrayshuen. Patrolman Schnell's son, George Jr., also served the Long Beach Police Department for 41 years and now his son, Sergeant George "Chuck" Schnell III is on active duty with the Long Beach Department, three generations of Police Officers serving or having served in the same agency, an "Honorable Family Tradition".



Patrolman George Schnell, Jr.
September 7, 1943 – August 11, 2011

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



PATROLMAN GEORGE C. SCHNELL, JR. SEPTEMBER 7, 1943 - AUGUST 11, 2011

Patrolman Schnell was a dedicated and faithful officer serving the Long Beach Township Police Department for 41 years. He joined the Long Beach Police Department in the 1960s, following in the footsteps of his father George Schnell, Sr., who had also served as a Long Beach Township Police Officer. Patrolman Schnell, Jr.'s life was filled with selfless service to his community. He served as a member and Chief of the Ship Bottom Fire Company, served as an Instructor at the Fire Academy, was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Lodge #5, and received the prestigious "Silver Card" from PBA Local #373. His son, Sergeant George Schnell, III (Chuck), currently serves in the Long Beach Township Police Department – three generations of Police Officers



Sergeant George "Chuck" Schnell, III currently serves with Long Beach Police Department following in the footsteps of his grandfather and father

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



{First Long Beach Township Police Chief}

CHIEF ARTHUR E. SCHRAYSHUEN

June 9, 1891 – December 22, 1962

Chief Mechanic US Army WWI

Chief Schrayshuen served as Chief of Police in Long Beach Township for over 20 years. He was first appointed on an annual basis January 1, 1934 by Mayor Henry B. McLaughlin, enabling him to see and experience many first time events to include, working from the first police headquarters located on 16th Street, North Beach Haven, 1937- first Township owned police car, a 1936 Ford, 1939 – new police headquarters, 68th Street, Brant Beach; 24 hours police service with a police car/motorcycle and seven police clock stations, 1940 - Two-way police radios and the list went on. Chief Schrayshuen was truly progressive and respected by public officials and residents alike.



Chief Schrayshuen used his own vehicle, a 1932 black Model A Ford coupe, from 1934 to 1937, making it the first Long Beach Township Police car.

ESCORT PROVIDED FOR KNEE-HI

Low Flying Plane At Spray Beach Alarms Safety 'Expert'

Beach Haven, N. J., Aug. 11.—Between low-flying airplanes, sand-throwing boys, excessively suntanned beach beauties and birthday parties Knee-Hi was one of the busiest vacationists along the Atlantic coast yesterday.



Back of a flamboyant procession Knee-Hi arrived at Spray Beach. There was a screeching motorcycle escort headed by Captain Arthur Schrayshuen, chief of the Spray Beach police.

Two motorcycle policemen flanked Knee-Hi's automobile and although she thinks excessive automobile speed is definitely dangerous she leaned back in the cushions with her master, Dr. Charles E. Brunson, and came into the resort like a returning hero.

As she was howling displeasure at bathers who ran into the surf after eating hot dogs she inadvertently looked aloft and there was an airplane zipping along at high speed not more than 100 feet above her demonstration ring.

It may be that her temperament asserted itself or, as Master Brunson insisted, it was her acute knowledge that such low flying was extremely dangerous. But at any rate Knee-Hi almost had a convulsion. She barked and howled and leaped off the stool and grabbed Master Brunson by the cuff of the trouser, urging him across the beach out of harm's way.

Mayor Howard E. Shifler, of Long Beach township, which includes both Spray Beach and Brant Beach, where Knee-Hi appeared in the afternoon, remarked to Chief Schrayshuen: "That dog knows more than a good many humans I've seen."

At Brant Beach in the afternoon again Mayor Shifler and his screeching escort led the way for Knee-Hi. A ring was laid out on the beach in front of Camp Miquon operated by Dr. J. Leonard Mason, a physical education teacher at the University of Pennsylvania. About 150 vacationists and 30 boys from the camp applauded as she stepped out of the Mayer's open car.

When she reached the point in her program where she chants her song of safety she was surprised as the camp boys joined in. Their howls were as musical as Knee-Hi's and she thought it was great, and yelped louder and longer than ever.

"Safety is a great thing when it is so aptly demonstrated," said Dr. Mason. "These boys who come down here in the summer to camp must be kept constantly aware of dangers. They don't think when they do things wrong. They're merely playing and having a good time but many good times end disastrously. I think Knee-Hi is great. Long may she wave her short tail and sing that song."

Upon returning to her hotel, Knee-Hi was met by Robert F. Engle and Congressman Peter DeMuth, of Pittsburgh's 38th district, who were entertaining for Peter, Jr.'s sixth birthday anniversary. And there was an invitation for Knee-Hi. Upon thinking it over and conferring with Dr. Brunson, Knee-Hi discovered it was her fifth birthday and Peter and Knee-Hi were the guests of honor at dinner. Knee-Hi had a message of obedience for Peter, then sat up at the table with him for the birthday feast.

Tomorrow Knee-Hi through the co-operation of The Evening Bulletin is still on Long Beach Island with an 11 A. M. appearance at Beach Haven Terrace and a 3 P. M. showing at Surf City.



Knee-Hi rides on handlebars of Police Chief Arthur E. Schrayshuen's motorcycle in Spray Beach fete

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



{Third (3rd) Long Beach Township Police Chief}

CHIEF PETER B. BOHAN

June 5, 1917 – July 27, 1969

Staff Sergeant US Army -World War II

Appointed Chief March 27, 1964

Peter B. Bohan was a veteran of World War II. During his military service in the U.S. Army he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He subsequently joined the Long Beach Township Police Department on May 28, 1956. He succeeded Chief A.J. Leonetti who died in the historical March 6, 1962 storm. The power wagon Chief Leonetti was riding in was swamped and he, Commissioner Kenneth Chipman and First Aid Squad Member Robert Osborn were killed while en-route to Beach Haven Inlet to evacuate residents. Chief Bohan served the Department 6 years before he was appointed Chief of Police to replace Chief Leonetti. Chief Bohan served with Honor and Distinction until he lost his battle with cancer in 1969.

Wife-Betty, 3 children- Kathy, David and Judy.

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



LIEUTENANT THOMAS A. MELEGA
1918 – 1976

Staff Sergeant US Army
WWII

Appointed Police Officer July 1, 1953

Lieutenant Melega served with honor and distinction throughout his career. For many years he served as the Police Departments sole Detective and was instrumental in solving numerous major cases including a homicide. Two of his sons followed in his footsteps and joined local municipal Police Agencies, Paul Melega-Little Egg Harbor Police Department and Steven Melega-LongBeach Township Police Department.

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



SERGEANT SAMUEL C. CROSSLEY, JR.

1914-1967

273RD BASE UNIT ARMY AIRFORCE

WORLD WAR II

APPOINTED TO POLICE DEPARTMENT CALENDAR YEAR 1956



“Sammy” Crossley, son of Sergeant Samuel Crossley, appointed “Mascot” of Long Beach Township Police Department. “Sammy” represented the department at several public affairs in his tailored police uniform. Sammy had Muscular Dystrophy and was seen regularly being carried around town on his father’s back.

Sergeant Crossley was married, wife Margaret (Peg) with three (3) children, son Sammy, daughters Peggy and Suzzie, residing in Beach Haven Crest.

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



SERGEANT BENJAMIN YURKEVICZ

1913 – 1986

Benjamin Yurkevich was born in New York. However, he actually grew up in the city of Philadelphia. Ben was drafted in the Army at the outbreak of World War II. During the war he was wounded in action and after recovering from his wound, honorably discharged from the military service. He subsequently married Susan Antonelli and moved to Long Beach Island, where he resided with his wife Sue and three sons, Ben, Joseph and Thomas. In 1948 he joined the Long Beach Township Police Department. He served as a police officer there for twenty (20) years, retiring in 1968.



Sgt. Benjamin Yurkevich accepts plaque and gift from Mayor Howard E. Shifler upon his retirement from the force after 20 years of dedicated and faithful service.

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



MAYOR JAMES J. MANCINI

March 30, 1926 – November 18, 2003

AVN Cadet US Army Air Force World War II

James J. Mancini served as Mayor of Long Beach Township from 1964 until his untimely death in 2003. He also served in the capacity of Police Commissioner in Long Beach and as a Freeholder in Ocean County. He had a passion for community service serving with Southern Ocean County Hospital and Ship Bottom Fire Company. He was a true friend to Law Enforcement.

Wife-Madeline, sons-Joseph, James, Jr., Henry, daughters-Susan, Nancy, Annmarie, Jane, Joan, Madeline

BEACH HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT, SURF CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



PATROLMAN CHARLES SENIOR MARCH 31, 1963 – AUGUST 16, 2008 U.S. NAVY

Patrolman Senior married wife Susan Lynn and began his law enforcement career following in the footsteps of his father, retired Deputy Chief Ernie Senior of the Beach Haven Police Department. Charles served in the Beach Haven Police Department as Police Dispatcher in the calendar year of 1986. He became Patrolman in 1987 in the Surf City Police Department. Patrolman Senior spent one and a half years in Bosnia as well, working for the United Nations as part of their peace keeping mission. Patrolman Senior touched the lives of many locally and in Bosnia. He was dedicated to protecting those in need and did whatever he could to correct any injustice he saw.



Ernie Senior, Deputy Chief of Police Beach Haven

BEACH HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF ARNO OSCAR KOHLER

June 17, 1930 – December 26, 1977

US Army August 22, 1951
Served as a Military Policeman in Germany
Served as President of the Ocean County Chiefs Association
And the South Jersey Police Chief's Association

Husband of Nancy Lee Kohler (Carroll)
Father of Arno O. Kohler and Kevin L. Kohler

Kevin Kohler followed in his father's footsteps and now serves as the Chief of Police in the Borough of Beach Haven.



Chief Kevin Kohler

BEACH HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Patrolman Hugh Sprague
1914-1997
Enlisted U.S. Navy – March 1944

Born in Beach Haven, New Jersey. Married Catherin Devlin and fathered five (5) children, James, Hugh, Jr., Barbara, John and Eileen. While serving his country he was assigned to a “Naval Pursuit Craft,” sub chaser patrolling from New Foundland to Cuba. His pursuit craft was caught at sea in the hurricane of 1944 and the craft was reported missing by the Navy. The craft appeared several days later in the Atlantic still afloat but, badly damaged.

Hugh was a member of the Beach Haven Police Department from 1958 until his retirement in 1978. He served the Community of Beach Haven faithfully and diligently. He was always held in high regard by the members of his department and by all his brother officers on Long Beach Island.



Patrolman Hugh Sprague in front row 3rd from right.

‘Taps’

Day is done.
Gone the sun.
From the lakes.
From the hills.
From the sky.
All is well.
Safely rest.
God is nigh.

Fading light.
Dims the sight.
And a star.
Gems the sky.
Gleaming bright.
From afar.
Drawing nigh.
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.
For our days.
Neath the sun.
Neath the stars.
Neath the sky.
As we go.
This we know.
God is nigh.



The Dash Poem

by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning to the end

He noted that first came the date of her birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years

For that dash represents all the time
That she spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own;
The cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?